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TAGS: SHUM, UY, PA, AR, UNSYG
SUBJ: UN SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS EXPANDING HUMAN RIGHTS "GOOD
OFFICES" ROLE IN SOUTHERN CONE

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1. EMBASSY ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMES UN SECRETARIAT'S
INTEREST IN INVOLVING ITSELF IN HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS
AFFECTING URUGUAY (REF A). THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES
AND RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INITIATE GOVERNMENT-
LEVEL CONTACTS ON THIS ISSUE, THE GREATER THE LIKELIHOOD
THAT OUR VOICES WILL BE HEARD AND HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT.
INCREASINGLY ACTIVE INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS CASES BY WESTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN MONTEVIDEO HAS INCREASED
THE HEAT ON THE GOU, MADE OUR OWN EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE
THE GOU IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION MORE CREDIBLE AND, MOST
IMPORTANTLY, STRENGTHENED THE HAND OF THE GOU'S MORE MODERATE
ELEMENTS. INTEREST SHOWN BY SENIOR UN OFFICIALS ON THIS
ISSUE SHOULD LEND ADDITIONAL VALUABLE SUPPORT.

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2. IN THE PAST, APPROACHING THE GOU ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS
GENERALLY DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE OF THE TENDENCY OF EX-
FONMIN ROVIRA AND OTHER FONOFF HARDLINERS TO SIMPLY IGNORE
SUCH APPROACHES OR, BY MISREPRESENTING THEM WITHIN THE GOU,
TO ELICIT NEGATIVE OR EVEN INSULTING REPLIES. THE SITUATION
IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CHANGED MARKEDLY FOR THE BETTER

IN RECENT WEEKS WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF ROVIRA AND HIS SENIOR SUBORDINATES BY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES MODERATE, APPROACHABLE AND COMPREHENDING ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AND OTHER) ISSUES. AMONG THEM IS CARLOS GIAMBRUNO, WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED AS URUGUAY'S CAPABLE UN PERMREP UNTIL EARLIER THIS YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY GIAMBRUNO'S REPLACEMENT IN NEW YORK, LUIS NARANCIO, WHO JUST RESIGNED, IS NOT OF THE SAME CALIBRE.

3. RATHER THAN DEAL WITH NARANCIO, WE SUGGEST THAT ANY SUCH APPROACH BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL HIMSELF IN A MEETING WITH THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, ADOLFO FOLLE MARTINEZ, WHO IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE URUGUAYAN DELEGATION TO THE OPENING SESSIONS OF THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SUCH A MEETING WOULD ARISE NATURALLY, IN VIEW OF THE SYG'S INABILITY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS PROMISED VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THE SYG IS UNAVAILABLE, A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION COULD BE PRESENTED BY ONE OF HIS SENIOR DEPUTIES. (WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THIS NOT BE AMB. BUFFUM BECAUSE, AS AN AMERICAN AND FORMER USG OFFICIAL, HIS INVOLVEMENT WOULD LIKELY BE SEIZED UPON BY GOU HARDLINERS TO BELITTLE THE APPROACH AS DICTATED BY USG POLICY INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF THE TOP UN LEADERSHIP.)

4. IN A MEETING WITH FONMIN FOLLE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THREE BASIC POINTS BE MADE:
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A. A RECOGNITION OF THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE WITHIN URUGUAY AND, ESPECIALLY, OF THE GOU'S INCREASING RESPONSIVENESS TO CONCERNS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. FOLLE'S OWN APPOINTMENT COULD BE MENTIONED IN THIS REGARD. URUGUAYAN COOPERATION WITH UNHRC COULD BE CITED, FOLLOWED BY REFERENCE TO THE EQUAL IMPORTANCE LAID ON URUGUAY'S RELATIONS, WITHIN THE OAS, TO THE IAHC (ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA THREE, REF B).

B. A STRONG RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCELERATING THE RETURN TO FULL PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO THE STILL-REVERBERATING APRIL MISSION LED BY THE ABA'S WILLIAM BUTLER, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF (B), PARA FOUR. THE GOU COULD BE URGED TO FACE UP TO THE CONTINUING PROBLEM RAISED BY ITS HOLDING SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PERSONS WITHOUT TRIAL AND/OR INCOMMUNICADO FOR LENGTHY PERIODS, AND ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON THESE DETAINEES.

C. THIS WOULD LEAD TO HANDING FOLLE THE SYG'S LIST AND MAKING THE FINAL POINT: THAT IN PRESENTING SUCH A LIST, THE SYG IS NOT MERELY SEEKING BASIC INFORMATION SUCH AS CHARGES, SENTENCES, PLACE OF DETENTION, ETC. THIS IS ALREADY KNOWN IN MANY CASES. RATHER, THE INTENT IS TO STRESS THE NECESSITY OF HEALING WOUNDS CAUSED BY PAST TERRORIST VIOLENCE

AND THE GOU'S NECESSARY RESPONSE TO IT. CLEAREST WAY TO
ACHIEVE THIS IS THROUGH A DEGREE OF LENIENCY, INCLUDING
RELEASE, FOR DETAINED POLITICAL DISSIDENTS. PURPOSE OF LIST
IS THUS TO DIRECT GOU'S ATTENTION TO CERTAIN NUMBER OF CASES
(AMONG MANY OTHERS) WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR RELEASE.
GOU SHOULD IN FACT CONSIDER RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF ALL
COMPASSIONATE CASES; THOSE INVOLVING HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL
INTEREST; THOSE WHERE RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAVE
OFFERED RESIDENCE VISAS, OR WHERE FAMILY MEMBERS ALREADY
RESIDING ABROAD; THOSE INVOLVING DUAL NATIONALS, AND, ESPECIALLY,
THOSE WHERE DETAINEES HAVE ALREADY SERVED OUT SENTENCE ON
INITIAL CHARGE.

5. LIST OF CASES, WITH IDENTIFYING COMMENT, FOLLOWS:
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ALBERTO ALTESOR GONZALES:

BORN 15 AUGUST 13; ARRESTED 21 OCTOBER 75; POSSIBLE
PCU(COMMUNIST PARTY) MEMBER; SUFFERS FROM A HIGH RISK CARDIAC
CONDITION; CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

LUIS MARIA BAZZANO:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 4 APRIL 75; ALLEGED PCU
MEMBERSHIP; CONGRESSIONAL AND AMERICAN CITIZEN INTEREST.

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JULIO CASTRO PEREZ:
IN HIS LATE 60'S; DISAPPEARED 1 AUGUST 77; FORMER
TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO UNESCO; WORLDWIDE INTEREST.

MIGUEL ANGEL ESTRELLA:
BORN 8 JUNE 36 IN ARGENTINA; ARRESTED IN URUGUAY
16 DECEMBER 77 FOR ASSISTING ARGENTINE MONTONERO
TERRORISTS; DEGREE OF IMPLICATION APPEARS MINOR; WORLD RENOWNED
CONCERT PIANIST; CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE INTEREST.

JULIO LEV:
ARRESTED 26 NOVEMBER 75 FOR "MEMBERSHIP IN A
SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; ALLEGED PCU LAWYER; CON-
GRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE INTEREST, INCLUDING
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS.

DR. RAUL LOMBARDI ESCAYOLA:
ARRESTED 13 MARCH 78; MEDICAL DOCTOR; SUPPORTER OF
FRENTE AMPLIO (COALITION OF FAR-LEFT PARTIES IN 1971
ELECTIONS); WORLDWIDE INTEREST.
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JOSE LUIS MASSERA:
BORN 8 JUNE 15; ARRESTED OCTOBER 75; FORMER SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE PCU; INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MATHE-
MATICIAN; CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE INTEREST.

CLEMENTE PADIN:
ARRESTED 28 AUGUST 77 FOR "ATTACKING THE MORALE AND
REPUTATION" OF THE URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES; PCU MEMBER;
JOURNALIST/WRITER; CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

SUSANA RAQUEL PESCE FARALL:
IN HER LATE 20'S; ARRESTED IN 1972 FOR "CONSPIRACY
AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION"; CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

ANA INES QUADROS HERRERA:
IN HER EARLY 30'S; ARRESTED 13 JULY 76 FOR
"MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; HUMANITARIAN
CONCERN -- MOTHER DYING OF CANCER AND ADVANCED AGE OF
FATHER, WHO IS FORMER URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO LONDON,
PARIS, AND BONN; CONGRESSIONAL AND FRG OFFICIAL INTEREST.

JUAN CARLOS SANCHEZ SOCA:
BORN 28 APRIL 28; ARRESTED 16 DECEMBER 75 FOR
"MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; UNION
ACTIVIST AND ALLEGED PCU MEMBER; BELIEVED TO SUFFER FROM

SEVERE ARTHRITIS OR CIRCUCLATORY DISORDER; CONGRESSIONAL
AND AMERICAN CITIZEN INTEREST.

GLADYS ESTHER WARDA IRWIN:
AGE EARLY 40'S; ARRESTED 20 JULY 77 FOR "MEMBERSHIP
IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; ALLEGED PCU MEMBER; MOTHER
IS U.S. CITIZEN.
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ISAAC APELBAUM:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 25 NOVEMBER 75 FOR "ASSISTING
A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; PCU SYMPATHIZER; ADL INTEREST.

EMERITO FLORENCIO DE LEON GUTIERREZ:
BORN 23 SEPTEMBER 20; ARRESTED IN 1976; ALLEGED PCU
MEMBER AND UNION ACTIVIST; SUFFERS FROM CARDIAC AND
PULMONARY PROBLEMS PLUS DIABETES.

OSVALDO ROGELIO FERNANDEZ MACHADO:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 6 SEPTEMBER 77 FOR
"ASSISTING A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; EMBASSY HAS
NO PCU OR OTHER TRACES.

MARIA LUISA GONZALEZ DE LEON:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED FOR "ASSISTING A SUBVERSIVE
ORGANIZATION"; FRENTE AMPLIO SUPPORTER; SUFFERS FROM
PULMONARY PROBLEMS.

EVAR LUIS LACUESTA GONZALEZ:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 7 SEPTEMBER 76 FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; DIABETIC.

HUGO GERARDO LOPEZ BALADON:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 14 JUNE 77 FOR "ASSISTING
A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; EMBASSY HAS NO PCU OR
OTHER TRACES.

RUBEN DANIEL MACIEL:
BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 9 DECEMBER 73 FOR "MEMB-
BERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; WAS 15-18
DURING THE CHIEF PERIOD OF URUGUAYAN UNREST (1970-1973).

HERMAN OMAR MOLINA:
BORN 22 MAY 20; ARRESTED 16 DECEMBER 75 FOR "MEMBER-
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SHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; FORMER PCU MEMBER;
SUFFERS FROM THROAT CANCER.

ANDRES LUIS MAINE FERNANDEZ:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 6 JULY 72; ALREADY
COMPLETED SENTENCE BUT STILL IN PRISON.

SANTIAGO WASHINGTON PALVA FERNANDEZ:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 27 JUNE 72; SUFFERS FROM
EAR AND SPINAL PROBLEMS.

ANTONIO JUSTO POSE RAIMREZ:

ABOUT 43 YEARS OLD; ARRESTED 25 JUNE 78.

CARMEN HALLI YOLANDA RINALDI LUSSICH:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED OCTOBER 1977; WAS
13 TO 16 YEARS OLD DURING CHIEF PERIOD OF URUGUAYAN
UNREST (1970-1973).

GUILLERMO RAUL ROCHON SIRI:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 12 AUGUST 77; EMBASSY
HAS NO PCU OR OTHER TRACES.

OSCAR CLAUDIO SABATEL RODRIGUEZ:

BORN 30 OCTOBER 24; ARRESTED 19 DECEMBER 75 FOR
"ASSISTING A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; RELEASE HAS
BEEN ORDERED BUT REMAINS CONFINED.

NOEL SPERANZA SOSTELO:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 22 JANUARY 76 FOR "ASSISTING
A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION"; WAS 14 TO 17 YEARS OLD DURING
THE CHIEF PERIOD OF URUGUAYAN UNREST (1970-1973).

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WASHINGTON DE VARGAS SACCONI:

BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]; ARRESTED 21 MAY 72; COMPLETED
SIX-YEAR SENTENCE ON 21 MAY 78; STILL IMPRISONED PENDING
INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDERS
OF TWO HOSPITAL GUARDS; THESE CHARGES WERE ORIGINALLY
RAISED DURING HIS FIRST TRIAL AND DISCARDED FOR LACK
OF EVIDENCE; SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE SEVERAL
TIMES; SUFFERS FROM EPILEPSY, NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND
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